(iv) providing loans on soft term for purchase of deep sea fishing vessels through the Shipping Development Fund Committee;

(v) augmentation of Fisheries Surveys and assistance for construction of fishing harbours at major and minor ports and of the landing and berthing facilities at smaller fishing centres; and

(vi) regulation of fishing by foreign vessels in the Exclusive Economic Zone. For this purpose, 'The Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981' has come into force with effect from 2nd November, 1981.

Loss to Farmers of Punjab and Haryana due to Sabotage in Bhakra Canal

1215. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers of Punjab and Haryana have suffered heavy loss of their cotton crop which has been destroyed due to sabotage in the Bhakra Canal:

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss as a result thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to pay any compensation to the affected farmers and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) It is too early to assess the loss; if any, the cotton crop caused by sabotage in Bhakra Canal.

(c) Compensation is not paid by the Government of India in such cases.

Destruction of Files Concerning Asiad Tickets

1216. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Statesman of June 1, 1984 to the effect that file concerning Ninth ASIAD tickets which were retained by the Special Organising Committee, were not made available to audit on one pretext or the other;

(b) if so, what was the value of these tickets; and

(c) what are the reasons for which audit was not completed before the files were destroyed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Special Organising Committee has intimated that all files sought by audit were made available. Value of unsold domestic tickets was Rs. 1.65 crores and value of unsold tickets meant for sale abroad was US $1.34 lakh, which is inclusive of 19140 tickets worth US $53,895 retained by SOC. The SOC has also informed that no files dealing with tickets were destroyed by them.

Furniture and Furnishings at Asian Games Village

1217. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman of 2nd June, 1984 to the effect that furnishings worth Rs. 37 lakhs remained unutilised at the Asian Games Village complex and on physical verification